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I wish the Union Missionary may be sent to Rev. Joseph Underwood of Hardwick, and Rev. W^m Chapin of Greenborough, if they are sent out gratuitously.

While my dear wife was sinking, I read, I should think ^{he had styled} in your first letter to Dr. Stowe, a statement implying, that that our blessed Lord, Dodged the questions proposed by his enemies, and threw the galleries into a burst of laughter. The statement sunk like a dagger to my soul, and a few days after the funeral, I sat down to write a solemn Protest. The paper was gone; but I wrote, trusting to my memory; and sent my Protest to The Charter Oak the last of March, and have heard nothing of it since; the paper for last week I have not seen. It has struck me, that possibly Mr Burleigh doubts the correctness of the statement, or thinks I have felt too keenly in the case. How can those, who love Christ feel too much when he is openly insulted by his professed friends? Should the Protest appear, as I presume it will, if my views of your statement be correct, it may make some noise, and I wish to have the evidence of the remark made by Dr. Stowe in a tangible form. I do then request you to state the facts in the case, the circumstances, the words used, the effect - whether any notice were taken by any member of the Board any reproof - whether he has denied your statement, or given any explanation of his own rash, profane, and blasphemous declaration. And I will thank you to give the information as soon as convenient. Did others understand him as you did? And not one to vindicate the insulted Jesus! What could Satan wish for more?

If the Union Mission can be made to stand, and can be placed fairly before the churches, it will be the most powerful argument to influence the conduct of the A. Board. Expediting will soon teach some learned D^r. D^{rs} more than ever they have learned from their own hearts or from the word of God. Jesuitism is no better in America than in Spain.

Is not this an issue, that should be set up, and pressed.

What right has any Secular Body, or authority, to take up, discuss, and decide ecclesiastical questions, or moral questions, that immediately affect the churches? Was not the question mooted at Brooklyn such a question? And is not the A. Board a Secular Board deriving all its corporate powers from the ungodly Legislature of Massachusetts; not a particle from the church or from Jesus Christ? I hope the Union will never be such a Body. And if such a Body may decide one moral question for the church, why not decide all moral, or ecclesiastical questions for the church, and step at once into St. Peter's Chair? Give such Bodies an inch an ell. The Liberties of our churches are, I think, in imminent danger.

Yours with cordial respects

Nathan Bayley

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Rev A. A. Phelps Dear Sir I have not received any
N^o of the Reporter since the Jan^y N^o Have you the N^{os}
and will you send them on?

The Qu^{ar}terly Report I am glad to see, and enclose 5 \$^{rs} for
for the West Indian Mission, which you will direct.

The Union Missionary for March I have received
and should be glad to receive regularly; but I know not
whether it is printed for gratuitous circulation or not.

Indeed I must acknowledge, that I am so ignorant of the
Union Mission, that I can say little about to any one
I know its general object and ~~character~~, but on
what principles the Union is formed, whether they
have any Creed and whether it is based on any ch^h
action, or mere individual action, I know not. And
I don't expect there are many in Vermont that
know any better than I. And while this is the case,
it cannot be expected, that the Society can obtain much
patronage. Should not then some plain statement
be prepared, giving all the information respecting
the Society, its faith, and practice, which the case re-
quires, and widely circulated? It should go into every
Abolition paper, that will admit it. If the Society act at
all, let them show themselves to the world. You know I con-
sider Missionary work as the appropriate work of the ch^h
but every Christian should preach the gospel, wherever
he goes, as did those, who were scattered abroad in the per-
secution about Stephen; and other individuals may, and
ought to contribute to their support.